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Memorandum for the Director

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Attached are texts of the following four official orders and memoranda that pertain to the establishment of the Coordinator of Information, in 1941, and of OSS, in 1942:
 - a. Donovan's memorandum of June 10, 1951;
 - b. ^{Proposed White House} President Roosevelt's military order of June 25, 1941;
 - c. President Roosevelt's letter appointing Donovan as COI, July 11, 1951;
 - d. President Roosevelt's military order establishing OSS, June 13, 1942.
3. These four documents are all marked "Top Secret," as they appear in the TS history of OSS prepared in 1947 by the SSU History Project. Actually, however, ^{were} they ~~are~~ all unclassified at the time (in 1941-42), so it appears from official copies filed in the OSS Archives. ^{except in the history of OSS prepared in 1947 when they were} Nor have any of them been officially up-graded since that time, ~~except for those copied that were~~ ^{it does seem} ~~irrevocably stamped~~ ^{TS.}
4. Accordingly, the attached texts, although copied from the TS history, have been left unclassified.

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Two of them (the orders of July 11, 1941, and June 13, 1942) were in fact ^{fully} published at the time in the Federal Register (6 Fed. Reg. 3422, 7 Fed. Reg. 4469).

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